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He is then to sail and follow the numerous chain of islands which extend to the continent of America; determining their respective longitudes and latitudes by a series of astronomical observations; taking an exact chart of their positions, and particularly noticing those roads and harbours which appear to be most secure. He is also to extend his researches towards such parts of the American coast, which bad weather and other impediments prevented preceding navigators from surveying. And, in case his former attempts to determine the coast of the Tchutski from the mouth of the Kovyma to Cape North, and to gain an accurate information of the country, should be ineffectual; he is again ordered to sail towards Tchukotskoinofs, and endeavour to penetrate by sea from Beering's Straits to the mouth of the Kovyma, and to make those observations, and obtain that intelligence of those regions which he could not procure on the former occasion.

Six years will be requisite for the accomplishment of these various purposes. In order to ensure its success, every possible en-

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